

Council Agenda Bill

AB Number

AB25-128

Agenda Bill Information

Title*

Resolution Ratifying Emergency Proclamation 25-25

Action*

Motion

Council Agenda Section

Committee Report

Council Meeting Date*

01/12/2026

Staff Member

Dena Burke

Department*

Legal

Committee

Finance and Administration

Committee Date

01/06/2026

Exhibits

Packet Attachments - if any

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Summary

Introduction*

Brief summary.

In accordance with Snoqualmie Municipal Code 2.48.050(A)(2), Resolution No. 1742 ratifies the Proclamation of Emergency dated December 10, 2025.

Proposed Motion

Move to approve Resolution No. 1742 ratifying Proclamation of Emergency 25-25

Background/Overview*

What was done (legislative history, previous actions, ability to hyperlink)

On December 10, 2025, an atmospheric river made its way through western Washington producing large amounts of rain throughout the region. This heavy rain fall produced severe flooding. Due to the potential of severe flooding, Mayor Ross issued Emergency [Proclamation 25-25](#). Shortly after, The City activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 3:00pm on December 10 2025 and kept the EOC activated until late afternoon on December 11, 2025. During this time staff worked around the clock to ensure the safety of residence.

Snoqualmie Municipal Code [2.48.050\(A\)\(2\)](#)

authorizes the Mayor to take all necessary actions and measures to combat a disaster; protect persons, property, and natural resources; and provide emergency assistance to victims of the disaster and exercise powers authorized in [RCW](#)

[38.52.070](#). The Proclamation of Emergency

authorizes each city department or office the ability to: (1) Enter into contracts for services and mutual aid agreements, rent equipment, purchase supplies and materials, and incur obligations on behalf of the City as necessary to respond to and/or combat the severe flooding conditions and related emergency conditions, to protect the health and safety of persons and property; (2) Close or restrict access to, and evacuate, such roads, streets or other areas of the City as may be adversely affected by the emergency; (3) Provide appropriate emergency assistance to the victims of the emergency; and (4) Other, as determined appropriate by the Mayor, City Administrator or Department Heads, as applicable.

Analysis*

Ratifying Emergency Proclamation 25-25

Budgetary Status*

This action has complex budgetary implications.

Budget Summary

Ratifying Emergency Proclamation 25-25 will not authorize specific expenditures, but rather it allows City staff to act quickly to the Flood emergency "without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law, ... including, but not limited to, budget law limitations, requirements of competitive bidding and publication of notices," et cetera (see RCW 38.52.070).

The City has already incurred expenditures related to its emergency response, including overtime, meals and lodging, cleanup of damaged property, and contracts necessary for emergent utility events. These costs have not yet been tabulated, but are expected to exceed \$100,000. Further work on the known damage and investigation into yet-unknown damage may increase this rough estimate. These extra-budgetary expenditures are allowed under RCW 38.52.070.

A federal emergency has been declared for the region's flood event. Depending on action from King County, the State of Washington, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), some or all of these expenditures may be recoverable.

Fiscal Impact

Amount of Expenditure

Amount Budgeted

Appropriation Requested

Fiscal Impact Screenshot